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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Typhoid Fever

1. Typhoid incidence in March totaled 1,409, increasing 113 percent over the February total. The highest incidence continues to be in Kyongsang-pukto where 580 cases were reported.

Typhus

2. Typhus incidence in March was 208, declining to 77 percent of the February total. The cases were sporadic throughout the provinces.

Blood samples from persons who have had typhus during the last six months are being procured and these specimens will be sent to Japan for complement fixation reaction to determine the incidence of murine typhus.

Cholera

3. Preparations for the 1947 cholera control program, which will be put into effect on 1 April, were completed during the month. Sufficient cholera vaccine has been distributed to immunize all individuals living in the major port cities.

4. The incidence of typhus, bacillary dysentery and relapsing fever decreased during the month.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	<u>Cases</u>	
	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Relapsing fever	24	17
Malaria	0	4
Diphtheria	88	115
Smallpox	31	34

	<u>Cases</u>	
	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Typhus fever	271	208
Typhoid fever	659	1,409
Paratyphoid fever	1	15
Bacillary dysentery	6	1

SANITATION

5. A conference of provincial veterinary officers was held in Seoul 20-21 March. Discussions were held on the treatment and prevention of animal diseases, autopsies, food conveyances and sanitation of dairy farms, dairy plants, slaughterhouses and fish markets.

6. Supplemental immunization of cattle against rinderpest to reinforce the 25-mile immune zone along the 38th parallel was completed during the month. Pilled rinderpest vaccine was used in this program.

7. The rabies epizootic in Cheju-do was brought under control during the month. No new cases were reported.

8. Subjects on animal ration and nutrition were discussed in the "Animal Health" column of the Farmers' Weekly during the month.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AFFAIRS

9. An advisory committee for pharmaceutical affairs was organized in March to plan the basic form of drug administration. At a meeting held from 17 to 19 March committee officers were elected and regulations drafted.

10. Sixteen of 29 applications for permission to manufacture patent medicines were approved during the month.

11. Sixty licensed pharmacists made application for registration certificates during the month.

12. The St. Mary's Dispensary, a unit of St. Mary's Hospital in Seoul and operated by the Paulist sisters, opened its services to the general public on 3 March. The dispensary will be supported by private contributions.

13. Regulations for admission to the Masan National Tuberculosis Sanatorium were modified during the month to provide for direct application for admission rather than through provincial government channels. Allocations were made on basis of population to provide for equitable representation of patients from each province.

14. Physicians, limited physicians and herb doctors who renewed their licenses during the month numbered 533, bringing the total to 4,515.

15. On 1 March there were 7,600 lepers and 215 tuberculous persons in institutions.

SANATORIUMS AND LEPROSARIUMS

1 March

	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>In-patients</u>
Masan Tuberculosis Sanatorium	200	130
Seoul Wonchong Songmo Branch Hospital	30	25
Inchon Red Cross Branch Hospital	60	60
Sorokdo Leprosarium	6,000	5,700
Pusan Leprosarium	500	500
Taegu Leprosarium	700	700
Yosu Leprosarium	700	700

SUPPLY

Biologicals

16. Production of medicines and patent medicines increased in over-all value from ¥ 15,344,000 in February to ¥ 16,922,000 in March, while sanitary materials produced in March dropped to ¥ 170,000, compared with ¥ 1,004,000 of the previous month.

17. Five hundred bags of sweet potatoes were allocated to the Choong Ang Brewery for the manufacture of medical alcohol.

NARCOTICS

18. The Department of Public Health and Welfare announced on 10 March that no permits are being issued to grow opium poppy during 1947.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Refugees

19. The refugee-feeding program, started in Pusan and Chinhae in February, was discontinued during March due to exhaustion of funds. Approximately 13,000 persons in Pusan and 7,000 persons in Chinhae were receiving daily grain rations until 10 March.

20. National and provincial welfare workers made field visits to Tongduchon-ni, Kaesong, Tosong-ni, Paekchon, Yonan and Chongdan during the month to survey the refugee problem along the 38th parallel. It was estimated that a daily average of 1,000 persons were entering Tongduchon-ni from north of the 38th parallel. The daily migration into Chongdan was estimated at 500 to 600 and Tosong-ni averaged 100 to 200. Majority of the refugees from Manchuria and North China were in need of assistance.

21. The Department of Public Health and Welfare shipped five carloads of tents to Pusan to provide temporary shelters for refugees.

Korean Red Cross

22. On 15 and 16 March 60 incorporators of the Korean Red Cross Association met in Seoul and chose a Central Committee of 15 members to serve as the governing body of the organization. The committee in turn elected an Executive Committee of seven members to carry on the work of the Korean Red Cross. The Military Governor was appointed honorary president of the Association.

The charter of the Korean Red Cross Association was presented by the Military Governor at a formal inauguration ceremony held in Seoul on 16 March.

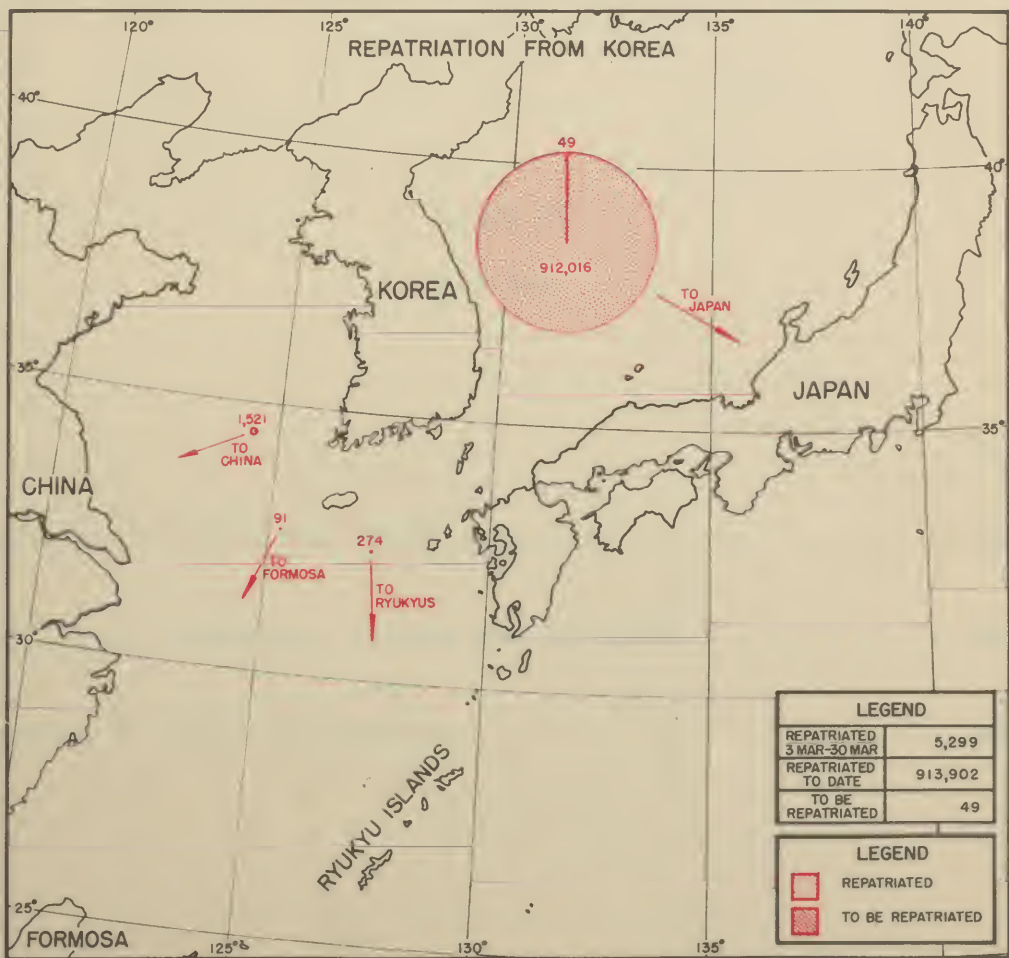
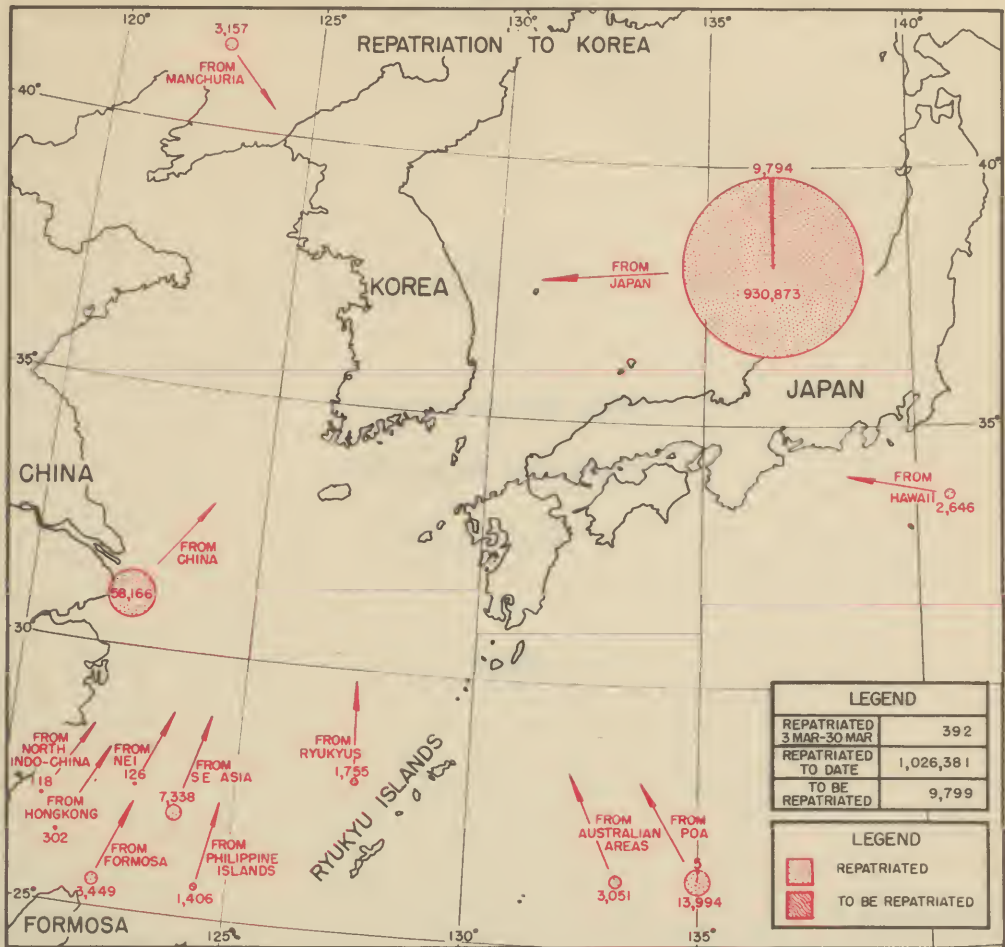
REPATRIATION

23. Koreans repatriated during 3 to 30 March totaled 392 of whom 266 were from Japan and 126 from the Netherlands East Indies. From North Korea 4,299 Japanese were evacuated during this period.

Koreans awaiting evacuation from Japan numbered 9,794 while 49 Japanese in South Korea were awaiting repatriation to their homeland.

REPATRIATION

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